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THE PO LEONG KUK.

At the last meeting of the Legislative Council a petition was laid on the table, asking the Government to make a grant to the Po Leong Kuk in order to erect a building and carry on business on a larger scale. This petition was endorsed by the Registrar General, who very accurately and concisely described the origin and objects of the Society. He said:—

In the year 1873, public attention was drawn to the question of traffic in human beings and the evil practice of kidnapping by the late Sir John Smale, who was at that time filling the office of Chief Justice. The discussion, to which his utterances from the bench gave rise, created much interest among the Chinese community, which led to a numerous signed memorial being presented by the Chinese residents to the Governor, Sir J. Pope Hennessy, praying for permission to form an association for suppressing kidnapping and kindred offences. This memorial was forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and in the year 1874, the Earl of Kimberley, then Secretary of State, stated that the memorialists should be allowed to form an association of whatever kind they desired, and that, in order to obtain official recognition, its rules and organisation should be made known and approved by the Colonial Government. Before the receipt of these instructions a society entitled the *Po Leong Kuk* had already been constituted informally and was reported to have rendered much practical assistance to the Government. The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Snowden, stated that he found the society of great help in the detection of kidnappers, and the Governor expressed his conviction that its operations and influence would do more than anything else to put an end to whatever was really bad in the native customs to which Sir John Smale had drawn so much attention. Rules of the society were drawn up and it was proposed that an Ordinance giving them legislative force should be introduced. The Secretary of State did not consider legislation necessary and suggested that if the society required corporate powers, the Association could be formed under the Companies Ordinance and formal approval could be given to its rules and organisation by the Local Government. Incorporation of the Society at that time was found impracticable and it was agreed that publication of the rules as amended would meet all practical purposes.

We have much pleasure in seconding the present motion. It is eminently desirable that a society formed for such a good purpose should be supported as strongly as may be necessitated by the evils it combats; and even the most generous Sinophile must admit that the kidnapping of men and women, boys and girls, for all kinds of slavery which even the Chinese mind can invent, is one of the worst and most discouraging features of Celestial society. In Hongkong as in every other place where a Mongolian population is found. This evil the Po Leong Kuk was established to combat, and the Society's crusade has developed to such an extent that much more assistance must be given it by the Government if the good work is to go on. Therefore we would urge the Government to be well advised by Mr. STUART LOCKHART, the Protector of Chinese and Registrar General, to grant the amount asked, to enable the Society to build a house for itself, to give it more official recognition and more extensive powers, as the petition prays.

Wewouldgo further. We would remove one formidable obstacle to the progress of the Po Leong Kuk which did not exist—that is, not as an obstacle—in its earlier days, when the work was simpler. As long as the operations of the Society had not extended on a scale larger than that contemplated in the original scheme, all went well, and practically the only opposition came directly from the evil-doers attacked, from the slave-dealers (ahem! pardon—coolie-brokers, wewould say), from the dealers in prostitution, and their kind. But lately it has been found that, as the Po Leong Kuk extended its sphere of activity, it met with impediments never contemplated; and now, one of the most vigorous foes, even if unintentionally so, is the police force. Every now and then the police have occasion to arrest and sometimes the magistrate finds it necessary to fine a Po Leong Kuk official for "excess of zeal," for presuming on his position, for imagining that the voluntary efforts of the Society are imperially or even divinely unquestionable, and for presuming that the Government in sanctioning the establishment of the organisation had thereby conferred on its officers absolute dictatorial powers. This is a check which must be removed if the Society is to go on; and the only way to do that is to put the whole police force under the same control as the Po Leong Kuk. Why not? Why restrict them to their present limits? If a Chinese society is competent to do police and detective duty, in the matter of social impurity and slavery, surely it can also supervise plain ordinary thieves. Why not indeed?

It has not often happened that the magistrature has "convicted" officers of the Po Leong Kuk for thus offending; but within the past year certainly four or five serious cases were proved, from which it may be safely deduced (considering that this is an exclusively Chinese society going its own sweet way without the

slightest attempt at open publicity, with only the nominal supervision of a busy and not too acute Government official)—it may reasonably be thought possible that other cases occur unknown to the public. Rumour is not evidence, but suspicious rumours, frequently and loudly indicating the same thing, cannot be disregarded. Among the police, and in all circles where criminal and kindred subjects are everyday topics, it is positively asserted that the Po Leong Kuk is enabled by its secrecy only to avoid constant and serious conflicts with the lawfully constituted guardians of the law. It is said that the Society, having acquired the right to take into its fold all kidnapped persons, does so take them into its fold, and keeps them there, and treats them as its lawful captives; that women and girls, on the plea of having been kidnapped, are seized and held by the Po Leong Kuk, shared out among the harems of the Committee, sold, or otherwise disposed of, just as nine out of ten average Chinamen would dispose of anybody in their power, even though the victims are thus turned over by the Government to these men for the very purpose of being saved from such slavery. The Registrar General finds it "difficult to see how this work of investigation could be carried on, except through the instrumentality of a body of Chinese gentlemen such as the Po Leong Kuk," as the committee are specially qualified to "refer any matter to one of the many charitable institutions which exist in China," and which have been always been ready to help in such inquiries." Meaning, for instance, Mr. Choy Hay's justly celebrated Benevolent Hall at Changsha, from which high-class literature emanates? Or Mr. Yu Su Wan's girl-torturing chamber? Says the Registrar General—"The Committee . . . have reliable friends to whom they can entrust the work of investigation . . . The women are married and the young girls are adopted." Adopted? Oh yes.

TELEGRAMS.

THE COLLIERIES.

LONDON, March 12th.
The stoppage of work at the various collieries has commenced.

HASTINGS, M.P., GETS FIVE YEARS.
Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., has been found guilty of fraud and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

THE KIRKCALDY ELECTION.
Mr. D. J. Kirkcaldy, Liberal, has been elected member for Kirkcaldy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE shoemaker who "breathed his last" must have been a man of phenomenal lung power.

PLATINUM has advanced in the last three years from \$80 per pound to \$160. The annual output is about three tons.

THE importance of the nitrate beds of Chili is shown from the fact that the output last year was valued at \$30,000,000.

A SOCIETY man invited to write an article on "How to beat get along with a husband," tersely replied, "Feed the brute."

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamship *Malaya*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. yesterday.

HAUGHTY lady (who has purchased a stamp)—Must I put it on myself? Stamp Clerk—Not necessarily. It will probably accomplish more if you put it on the letter.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R. M. S. S. *Empress of India* Captain Marshall, hence to instant and Yokohama 10th instant, arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday, 22nd.

MISS OLDMAN (school-teacher)—"How many million years old is the earth?"—Bright Pupil—"Please, ma'am, I don't know. It was here when I came. How old is it?"

APPROXIMATELY England has a representation in the House of Commons of one member to each 50,000 inhabitants, Scotland, one to 50,000, Wales one to 50,000 and Ireland one to 45,000.

AN American paper says that Martin Chase, an Indian of the Omaha tribe, is a lawyer entitled to practice in the Federal Court at Omaha, and as ready to shoot "I object!" as if there was no more redskin blood in him than there is in a tobaccoist's dummy.

LATELY, heavy importations of rice have taken place at Surabaya. By last advice, no less than half a dozen steamers from Singapore were at the same time discharging their laden with Saigon, Bangkok, and Rangoon grain, each containing from 20,000 to 24,000 piculs. Prices have fallen in consequence.

THE Sydney *Telegraph* of the 20th has the following:—One day last week an interesting ceremony took place in the E. and A. Company's office at Smith's Wharf, where a number of Captain J. W. B. Drake's old friends met to make a presentation to him in appreciation of their high and affectionate regard and to mark the occasion of his retirement from the service of the E. and A. Company. As the captain's house is already overflowing with mementoes from passengers during his long service in mail steamers, which speaks for universal popularity, the presentation took the form of a purse of sovereigns. The pleasure of handing this over devolved upon Captain S. G. Green, who in a very nice speech did justice to the occasion, and mentioned that from all parts of Australia friends had asked permission to join in the presentation. Mr. R. C. Reed, of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright & Co., also spoke of the sterling good qualities of the captain, as did also Captain John Vine Hall, Messrs. W. Smythe, David Drybrough, G. W. White, H. W. Brown, Walter Glen, and Dr. Garraway. The captain feelingly replied, Ringing changes upon those given for the captain and the ceremony terminated.

We are informed by the agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Tahiti*, from Trieste, left Singapore yesterday at 5 p.m. for this port.

"CRUISE," he said in gentle tones, "I am a self-made man—why do you smile?" "I was wondering where you got the pattern for the cane."

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

ARCHBOLD FORBES, who is declared to have made \$100,000 by his lectures in Australia and New Zealand, says that "in America it takes you a year to get your name up, a year to make your pile, and a year to fixle out."

THE total receipts of the United States Government for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, were \$458,544,231, and the expenditure \$471,504,470. The estimated receipts for the present fiscal year amount to \$433,000,000 and the expenditure to \$409,000,000.

THE United States consumed 1,875,994 tons of sugar in 1891, against 1,522,731 tons in 1890, an increase of 353,263 tons or 23.8 per cent; or an increase in consumption per individual of 67.4 pounds, against 54.5 pounds in 1890. Sugar was cheap in 1891 and dear in 1890.

EMINENT Socialists—Yes, madame, your husband is suffering from temporary aberration, due to overwork. The form of his mania is quite common. Wife—Yes; he insists that he is a millionaire. Eminent Physician—And wants to pay me \$500 for my advice. We'll have to humor him, you know.

THE Hongkong Schools' annual sports were brought off most successfully to-day. The weather was dull, but very suitable. In all the events the excellence of the handicapping was remarkable. The mile bicycle race and the hurdle race were particularly spirited contests. The band played a popular selection of music, which was highly appreciated by a very large audience.

A HOME paper innocently declares:—The Chinese Empress-mother is obliged to resort to various means to replenish her coffers. One of the most profitable of these is the sale of orders, the tariff of which is as follows: the title of "yan foh," or knight, costs about £40; "an dan," which is a little higher, comes to £60; "yan why," or the title of a baron, is to be acquired for £200, and for £500 you can be made "chiao," or mayor of a town with 10,000 inhabitants.

SOME TEXAN wisdom from the *Galveston News*:—The finger of scorn is a yard long. Do not live with your finger on the trigger. Take things as they come and give them up as they go.

Inspiration that one has to wait for is not worth having. The whipper is never admissible except when the tireless baby is asleep. The beau means business when he begins to bring candy for all the little brothers slatermatically.

AMONG the poorer classes of Europeans and Eurasians in Java, impoverishment has gone to such lengths that the Batavia *Nieuwsblad* suggests to the Government, the giving to such people facilities to settle on waste land, and cultivation of the soil. The unemployed among this class of people muster strong in that city, but, bad as is the outlook there, matters in Deli are said to be far worse. That settlement reported to swarm with tramps and people in want of a livelihood; what few estates are left in that quarter get their European employees from Holland. The supply of estate overseers is now greater than the demand.

THAT the merchant marine can be made a most valuable adjunct to the navy in time of war, seems reminds the *N. Y. Maritime Rights* to be well appreciated at Washington. Merchant steamers and even sailing vessels can be then utilized for many good purposes. These vessels can be had at once without trouble, for they are built to earn money. But men would be just as much wanted as vessels. Can they be obtained as easily? While efforts are being made at Washington to utilize the merchant ships, steps should also be taken to secure the services of the merchant seamen. There should be no delay in organizing a Naval Reserve of officers and seamen of the merchant service. A fleet of vessels already well equipped with efficient military crews is a reserve force of value.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

	Inward.
Diamond	Steamer, from Penang.
Canton	" Canton.
Chusan	" Bangkok.
Doris	" Saigon.
Libella	" Saigon.
Kutang	" Singapore.
Peruvia	" Tamsui.
Aggregating 26,505 tons, register.	

	Outward.
Freif	Steamer, for Hainan.
Declina	" Saigon.
Oceva	" Saigon.
China	" Yokohama.
Fokien	" Swatow.
Yikang	" Amoy.
Don Juan	" Amoy.
Diamond	" Amoy.
Memnon	" Sandakan.
Slane	" Saigon.
Aggregating 14,437 tons, register.	

TRUS, a writer in the *Globe Democrat*—The architectural ruins of Java surpass those of Central America. At Chandi-Sewa are found the remains of what was once an assemblage of 206 temples, arranged in five parallel ranges, one inside the other. In the centre of all is a large temple in the shape of a cross, surrounded by sculptures and containing many apartments. Eighty miles to the eastward is the temple of Boroboda, consisting of a central dome five feet in diameter, around which is a triple circle of seven-story towers, the whole building being 650 feet square and 100 feet high. In the walls are niches containing 400 cross-legged figures larger than life. The amount of human labor and skill expended upon the pyramid of Egypt sinks into insignificance when compared with that which was required to complete this sculptured temple in the interior of Java. Forty miles southwest of Semarang, on the same island, is an extensive plateau covered with the ruins of temples, to reach which four stone stairways were constructed, each containing more than 1,000 steps. Traces of nearly 400 temples are found there, all of them decorated with rich and delicate sculptures. In Eastern Java the ruins of forts, palaces, baths, temples and aqueducts are to be seen everywhere. Likewise all through Polynesia are stupendous ruins, illustrating the science and taste of past ages and vanished races.

"I CANNOT eat this soup," said the gentleman, slowly, not looking up from his plate, after he had summoned the waiter for the second time. The man seized the offending dish before the customer could finish the sentence, and vanished with it.

He reappeared in a very short time with another supply of the same soup.

"I cannot eat this soup," again he said.

"Why not, sir? What is the matter?"

"I cannot eat this soup," said the literary genius, calmly, for the third time, "because I have not as yet been provided with a spoon."

A PROCESS has just been invented by which, it is claimed, the fusion of wood can be easily accomplished—an invention which, if successful, will revolutionise a large number of important industries. The inventors, M. M. Bisouard and Lenoir, have not yet given any idea of their method, but it is known that by putting in a large melting pot a quantity of saw-mill rubbish, the whole can be melted down absolutely in the same way as tin or lead. In this manner, says a Paris journal, we saw an exact mould, in wood, of a silver five franc piece and a gold medal. These two small objects were reproduced with faultless minuteness, quite perfect, in spite of the more than rudimentary methods actually employed by the inventors. It must be stated further that the original pieces used as matrices for the moulding were not in the least altered in the process, nor showed the least trace of oxidising.

A PARIS correspondent says. The matter of dramatic censorship came lately before the Chamber of Deputies. A number of well-known literary and theatrical men were invited to give their opinions, and a large majority were for the full liberty of the stage. Among them were Vacquerie, the eminent critic and writer, Zola, Richelieu, Carre and Antoine; the last two are managers of theatres in Paris. Alexander Dumas, Got, the actor, and Melhac, the author of so many witty plays, were against any change. It was finally decided that from the first of this year the theatre should be under a regime of complete freedom, save inasmuch as they touched upon any matter connected with foreign politics. Parisians are therefore destined to hear and see some strange things, unless the public takes upon itself the part of censor, which is not impossible. It is reported that the frequenters of the music halls are getting tired of improprieties, and that the great novelties for the coming year are correct ballads, without a ticklish allusion in them.

SHOCKING SUICIDE IN VICTORIA GAOL.

All souls with a Chinese clientage have an unpleasant reputation owing to the number of suicides by prisoners who, apparently considering life not worth living, hang themselves up to battens, pierce their chests with knives, etc., and so crossed the border at a moment's notice. Last night, however, the programme was varied slightly, a stalwart Sikh warden ending this life with a six-chambered revolver. The deceased, whose name is Kishim Singh, went on guard duty at midnight, and shortly afterwards the report of firearms was echoed throughout the Arbutnot Road dungeons. At once everybody prepared for the worst (for a Michael Duff bomb, oh, it is so easy to work to ascertain the cause of such an unwelcome noise. A few minutes later Kishim Singh was found lying on the ground near a scum-box, groaning, and bleeding profusely from a wound in the head. Closer examination revealed the fact that one cartridge from the man's revolver had been fired into his mouth, the ball entering the brain. Death.

At the Coroner's inquest which will be held at noon to-morrow some light may be thrown on what has at present been a most mysterious case, the man being a comparatively stranger in the Colony, of good character and temperate habits.

AROUND THE WHARVES.

THE GAP ROCK CABLE.

The *Star* *Norddeutscher* officers have now, after long delays owing to bad weather, laid the cable between the Gap Rock Lighthouse and Hongkong, and in the course of a few days the line will be in working order—by the first predawn, when the light will be exhibited for the first time, at any rate.

THE "TORRINGTON" AGAIN.

Two more visits were served on the good ship *Torrington* this afternoon by the bell of the local Admiralty Court. What some claimants would like to know is—when will the Court sit and dispense equity all round? Is there a marine debtor's prison?

OFF TO THE NORTH AT LAST.

The China Merchants' river boat *Kiangkwan* has been flying the "blue peter" all day. She'll be up in Shanghai in the course of the next few days and resume running on the Yangtze Kiang.

A NEW SKIFFER.

Captain Branch arrived here this morning from Singapore and took over command of the Hongkong and Borneo liner *Mannan*, vice Captain A. Duff, deceased.

ASTOUNDING REPORT.

It is rumored that Captain Hastings, the Acting Harbour Master, will shortly become *locum tenens* for Mr.